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		First Inventor Hongzhou Liu et al.
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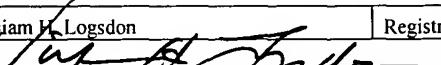
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Entitled: **"METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR QUANTIFYING TRADEOFFS FOR MULTIPLE COMPETING GOALS IN CIRCUIT DESIGN"**

Small Entity Status:

Small Entity Statement under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed  
 Small Entity Status is asserted for this application under 37 CFR 1.27

Enclosed are:  32 pages of Specification (comprising 11 pages of Claims and a 1 page Abstract)  
 and 9 pages of drawings  
 An Assignment of the invention to: Neolinear, Inc.  
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